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SUBJ: AUSTRIAN PURCHASE OF EXPROPRIATED OIL

REF: STATE 233041

1. ECONCOUNS DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL DEC 4 WITH AMBASSADOR MARQUET, HEAD OF FONOFF'S ECON DIVISION. MARQUET REACTED THAT ISSUE WAS COMPLEX AND THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT OESTERREICHISCHE MINERALOELVERWALTUNG A.G. (OEMV) COULD TRACE ORIGIN OF CRUDE OIL PURCHASED FROM LIBYA SINCE HE ASSUMED THAT SUCH PURCHASES WERE MADE THROUGH CENTRAL DEALERS. HE COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EASY FOR FONOFF TO RAISE ISSUE WITH OEMV AT A TIME WHEN AUSTRIA IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPAND ITS OWN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND THUS MAXIMIZE IMPORTS OF CRUDE. HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER OEMV WOULD EVEN BE PREPARED TO DISCLOSE PATTERN OF ITS CURRENT IMPORTS.

2. ECONCOUNS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR AUSTRIAN POSITION TO SECURE WHATEVER OIL IT CAN GET BUT NOTED
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DESIRABILITY OF CUATIONING OEMV AGAINST PURCHASES OF

OIL WHERE TITLE REMAINS UNCERTAIN, STRESSING USG'S
HOPE TO AVOID DISPUTES ARISING FROM EXPROPRIATIONS IN
VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

3. MARQUET REPLIED HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN AND THAT
HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH DIRGEN OF OEMV. HE PROMISED
EMBASSY A REACTION. WILL ADVISE.HUMES

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